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*Summary of transactions of Service, etc.—Continued.*

Number of bills of health issued during September, 1900.....	17
Number of bills of health issued during September, 1899.....	25
Number of vessels in quarantine during September, 1900.....	1
Number of passengers inspected during September, 1900 (incoming).....	57
Number of passengers inspected during September, 1900 (in transit).....	145
Number of crew inspected during September, 1900.....	444
Number of pieces of baggage disinfected during September, 1900.....	1
Number of vaccination certificates stamped during September, 1900.....	15
Number of immigrants inspected during September, 1900.....	4
Rejections.....	0

*Inspection of immigrants at Ponce during the week ended October 6, 1900.*

PONCE, P. R., October 8, 1900.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended October 6, 1900: October 4, French steamship *Salvador*, from Fort de France and St. Thomas, with 1 immigrant.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,  
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Reports of immigrants inspected at the port of Ponce, P. R., during the month of September, 1900.*

Total number of immigrants inspected, 4; number passed, 4; number certified for deportation on account of dangerous contagious or loathsome diseases or for other physical causes, none.

W. W. KING,  
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Report of transactions at San Juan and subports during September, 1900.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., October 3, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of transactions of the Service at this port and at the 6 subports of Porto Rico, for the month of September, 1900:

*San Juan.*—Number of vessels inspected 20, of which 19 were passed, and 1, the Spanish steamship *Cataluna*, arriving on the 18th from Havana via Central and South American ports, was held in quarantine and the baggage of the local passengers disinfected. The ship sailed the following day, 19th. Eighteen pieces of baggage were disinfected during the month.

The provisional steamer *Julia* arrived on the 20th. She had been disinfected at Havana as usual.

A telephone system from the city office to the island was installed during the month, and has proven to be a source of great convenience.

The steam launch was coppered during the month, as previously reported. The work was performed in a satisfactory manner, and the additional weight of the copper (some seven hundred pounds) tends to give her the necessary ballast, which would otherwise have been required, and materially steadies her.

The work of clearing up the grounds at the island and making sundry minor repairs and improvements has progressed as well as could be expected under the existing circumstances, the daily rains having retarded outdoor work somewhat.

I learn that dengue has been more or less prevalent in the city during the month, though I have myself seen no cases.

The decrease in the number of deaths during September as compared with August is quite decided, there being 76 in September and 106 in August. Sixty-nine births are recorded for the present month.

*Subports.*—Nothing unusual is reported from the subports. The following is a statement of vessels inspected: Mayaguez, 12; Arecibo, 3; Humacao, 2; Aguadilla, 3; Fajardo, 2; Arroyo, 1.

Mortality reports from the subports are as follows: Mayaguez, 168 deaths; Arecibo, 105 deaths; Humacao, 37 deaths; Aguadilla, 54 deaths; Fajardo, 26 deaths; Arroyo, 29 deaths.

No quarantinable diseases reported.

Respectfully,

C. H. LAVINDER,  
*Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.*  
*Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.*

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*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.*

[Inclosure.]

*Vital statistics of San Juan, Porto Rico, for September, 1900.*

Tetanus.....	4	Cardiac lesion.....	1
Enteritis.....	11	Bright's disease.....	1
Entero-colitis.....	5	Eclampsia.....	1
Cachexiæ.....	1	Pericarditis.....	1
Bronchitis.....	7	Malaria.....	1
Anæmia.....	2	Peritonitis.....	1
Rachitis.....	2	Septicæmia.....	1
Pneumonia.....	2	Tabes mesenterica.....	2
Athrepsia.....	2	Cerebral hemorrhage.....	2
Tuberculosis.....	12		
Pernicious fever.....	2	Total.....	76
Chronic diarrhæa.....	1		
Cerebral congestion.....	2	1889—	
Mitral insufficiency.....	5	Deaths.....	61
Cancer of stomach.....	1	Births.....	71
Aortic insufficiency.....	1	1900—	
Acute encephalitis.....	1	Deaths.....	76
Old age.....	3	Births.....	69
Whooping cough.....	1		

*Inspection of immigrants at the port of San Juan during the weeks ended September 29 and October 6, 1900.*

SAN JUAN, P. R., October 1, 1900.

SIR: I submit herewith report of alien steerage passengers arriving at this port during the week ended September 29, 1900: September 29, Spanish steamship *Isla de Panay*, from Genoa, Barcelona, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, Tenerife, Santa Cruz de la Palma, with 23 immigrants. October 4, French steamship *St. Simon*, from Havre, Bordeaux, St. Thomas, with 13 immigrants.

Respectfully,

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